GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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WOMEN BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the outcome of ILO`s pilot project implemented in the variousStates to solve the problems of women beedi workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the beedi industry is on the verge of extinction;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the working condition and employment opportunities for women workers in beedi industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): ILO`s pilot project is yet to be launched.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) The Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 is being implemented by State Governments for a long time to provide for the welfare of workers including women in beedi and cigar establishments and to regulate the conditions of their work.